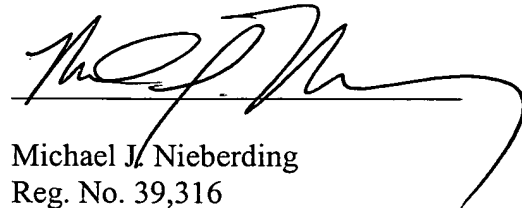


**REMARKS**

Prior to calculating the fee for the above application, please enter the foregoing amendments. By the foregoing amendments claims 18, 21 and 23 are amended to correct dependency references in the claims. Claims 1-27 remain pending.

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